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For: MEDICAL ARTICLE HAVING FLUID CONTROL FILM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-35.

Please add the following new claims:

36. (New) A medical treatment article comprising:  
at least one fluid control film component having at least one microstructure-bearing surface with a plurality of channels therein that permit transport of fluid between a medical treatment site and a remote area.
37. (New) The article of claim 36 wherein the article is a wound dressing, wound drain, tympanostomy fluid wick, intravenous access site dressing, drug delivery dressing, surgical drape, or sweat collection patch.
38. (New) The article of claim 36 wherein the remote area comprises a fluid reservoir.